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Hello,

You are receiving this email to attend one of the following Virtual Teams Appointments which occur every day from 09:00hrs – 09:30hrs or 21:00hrs – 21:30hrs to complete the process of having you sworn in as a Special Constable in the City of Ottawa.

Please attend the soonest available session in order to ensure you have the Special Constable designation before your next shift. This will provide you with legal authorities for certain provincial laws, and is important both to allow you to fully carry out your duties, and to protect you from liability.

The first session will start tonight February 6, 2022, at 21:00 hrs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Cost Centre # A1902
Collator Code # 749788

I will send you the MS Teams links to both sessions. If you don't have access to MS Teams via your work phone or work computer, please send an e-mail to: michelle.thibeault@rcmp-grc.gc.ca and we will make other arrangements for you while on shift.

Please confirm with Ms. Ferzana QADRI via email at [REDACTED] what date and time you will be attending virtually as she will require this information to sign and the date the necessary forms the ministry requires. Once this is complete, I will collect the paperwork from the Ottawa Police Service and leave them with the sign in desk at the Leomont Mess and will have you physically sign your form next time you're on shift.

TSG members I will bring the paperwork to your Troop NCO to have you sign them during your briefings. I can also arrange alternative swearing-in sessions to have your members complete this as a group after the briefing.

Your S/Cst status will remain valid until this protest is resolved.

Please see below the S/Cst justification for RCMP Officers working in Ottawa and a breakdown of each act that was requested and approved by the Solicitor General in Conjunction with the Ottawa Police Service.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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JUSTIFICATIONS FOR RCMP OFFICERS WORKING IN OTTAWA

PURPOSE:

Law enforcement within the City of Ottawa in co-operation with Ottawa Police Service including; responding to and investigating activity that may violate federal or provincial legislation; taking statements from victims, witnesses 1 and suspects; gathering and preserving evidence; laying information; apprehending, arresting and releasing offenders; executing warrants and transporting prisoners.

JUSTIFICATION:

In the City of Ottawa, the RCMP Protected Operations member's primary responsibility is the safeguarding of designated Protected Persons (PP). Members on mobile patrol have a role in deterring and detecting potential terrorist activities and or incidents impacting on PP. Members are responsible for having knowledge of all zones and protected locations, which many are located within the City of Ottawa 1 and are responsible for answering security alarms and pro-actively gathering information for risk and threat assessment purposes relative to those locations.

The RCMP Protected Operations and Ottawa Police Service also enforce moving violations/traffic violations on specific NCC roadways and bridges as per current MOU (Memorandum of Understanding). Members on mobile patrol also have a role in deterring and detecting criminal and provincial offences other than Highway Traffic infractions by using different techniques such as car patrol, bicycle patrol, foot patrol and Pipeline Convoy type vehicle checks etc.

During their regular patrol duties related to the above mentioned responsibilities, members travel from one location to another and observe violations to the Highway Traffic Act, Liquor License Act 1 Mental Health Act and the Trespass to Property Act in which have a duty to take action.

Further, the RCMP Protected Operations members also work with Ottawa Police Service (OPS) on all major visits, special events and demonstrations taking place on federal property. These occurrences generally start on City property and end up on Federal property and in the process of policing these events; the RCMP would assist OPS with enforcement of the said Acts.

BREAKDOWN OF EACH ACT WHERE STATUS IS BEING REQUESTED

PROVINCIAL OFFENCES ACT, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.33 AS AMENDED AND THE REGULATIONS MADE THEREUNDER

This is an administrative act that regulates the process of enforcement of all the Ontario provincial acts. As such RCMP officers enforcing Ontario Acts require powers under this act in order to administrate any charges, court documents and other administrative functions as required under the Police Services Act.

HIGHWAY TRAFFIC ACT, R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8 AS AMENDED AND THE REGULATIONS MADE THEREUNDER

Special Constables frequently encounter breaches to the Ontario Highway Traffic Act while on mobile patrols within the City of Ottawa roads. This act enables them to take appropriate action to stop and issue appropriate charges where necessary thereby discharging their duties as stipulated by the Police Services Act.

COMPULSORY AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.25 AS AMENDED AND THE REGULATIONS MADE THEREUNDER

RCMP officers with special constable status frequently encounter breaches of the Ontario Compulsory Automobile Insurance Act while on mobile patrols within Ottawa. This act enables them to take appropriate action to lay charges or issue warning where necessary as required by the Police Services Act.

LIQUOR CONTROL ACT, R.S.O. 1990, c. L.19 AS AMENDED AND THE REGULATIONS MADE THEREUNDER

Special Constables discharging their duties may have to deal with persons who are apparently intoxicated or who are consuming alcohol and as such require Police Officer authority to take appropriate action, including arrest, transportation to hospital and seizure of liquor, in the course of discharging their duties as stipulated by the Police Services Act.

MENTAL HEALTH ACT, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.7 AS AMENDED AND THE REGULATIONS MADE THEREUNDER

Special Constables discharging their duties may have to deal with persons who are apparently suffering from a mental illness or who may present a danger to themselves or others or who may be subject to an order pursuant to the Mental Health Act. Police Officer authority is required in order for Special Constables to take appropriate action, including apprehension, transportation to hospital or for assessment, in the course of discharging their duties as stipulated by the Police Services Act.

TRESPASS TO PROPERTY ACT, R.S.O. 1990, c. T.21 AS AMENDED AND THE REGULATIONS MADE THEREUNDER

Special Constables discharging their duties may have to deal with persons entering property illegally and who they need to remove. This act gives the Special Constable the authority to protect property that is under their jurisdiction as well as assist OPS when dealing with people illegally on private property.